

Message from the Chairman L. C.—Announcement

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from the Chairman, Legislative Council.

As required by Rule 91 of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I transmit the Bangalore Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1977 passed on 30th March 1977 by the Legislative Council for the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

As required by Rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I send herewith the following Bills which have been agreed to by the Legislative Council, without amendments on 30th March 1977.

- (1) The Karnataka Appropriation Bill 1977
- (2) The Karnataka Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1977

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re lockout at the International Instruments Switches Division Avalon Group on 28th March 1977

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleshwaram).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the lock out declared by the management of International Instruments (Switches Division) known as Avalon Group since 28th March 1977 and causing hardships to the labourers.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Labour).—I wish to make the following Statement.—

The Avalon Group Employees Union has raised an industrial dispute before the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Bangalore Division II, regarding bonus for the accounting years 1974-75 and 1975-76. The conciliation is now being handled by the Labour Commissioner himself.

The Management have complained serious indiscipline on the part of the workers affecting the production and morale. The acts alleged are that some workers including some members of the Union executive who were working in the second shift on the 16th March 1977 did not go out of the factory premises after the close of the Shift stayed back in the factory premises itself thus committing trespass that next day they removed their shirts and banians and attended to work and compelled others also who did not fall in line with them to remove their shirts and banians by threatening them that these workers have indulged in shouting slogans and abusing the management and officers that they have put up abusive banners inside the factory premises and